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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Robert J. McCarry, Jr.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/25/05.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites "a predetermined component directly attached to one of said output shaft of said prime mover". It is unclear as to what exactly the "predetermined component" is and how it works and relates to the rest of the system.

Claim 5 recites "a predetermined component directly attached to one of said output shaft of said prime mover". It is unclear as to what exactly the "predetermined component" is and how it works and relates to the rest of the system.

Claim 7 recites "an armature axially disposed at a predetermined air gap X from said stationary magnet". It is unclear as to what the "predetermined air gap X" is and what point it serves with the rest of the system.

Claim 16 recites, "a predetermined component directly attached to said output said means". It is unclear as to what exactly the "predetermined component" is and how it works and relates to the rest of the system.

Claim 21 recites "an armature axially disposed at a predetermined air gap X from said stationary magnet". It is unclear as to what the "predetermined air gap X" is and what point it serves with the rest of the system.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fink (US 6,189,265).

Fink discloses a swinging/sliding door mechanism comprised of a pair of doors 1, 2 having seals that mate with seals on the side of the vehicle. The door is has rollers 5, 7 that run on rails 6, 8, or hangers, at the top and bottom of the car. A rotatable drive spindle 12 operates the doors. An electric drive motor 10 rotates the spindle and a drive nut 21 engages the spindle. The movement of the nut and the spindle results in the opening and closing of the doors. A hanger bracket 3 is coupled to the drive means 10 and adapted for linear movement with the drive nut 21 when the spindle 12 is rotated to open and close the doors. A brake system in the form of clutch disks are attached to the spindle 12 and maintain the doors in a locked position, whether that be locked open or locked closed, it prevents the spindle 12 and drive nut 21 from moving the doors. The brake system is further comprised of an emergency actuating device, which overrides the controls from the operator of the train to release the brakes and open the door. The signaling for the door to open and close originates with the operator of the train at a remote location from the doors and the other sets of doors along the length of the train.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. McCarry, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-6683. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joseph Morano can be reached on (571) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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